

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--This application is a national phase application depending from Patent Cooperation Treaty Patent Application Number PCT/US00/17007 filed on June 20, 2000, (now abandoned), which ~~is a continuation~~claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/140,092 filed on June 21, 1999 (now abandoned).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--FIG. 5 is a perspective view of an assembled battery having a housing for electronic circuitry according to the present invention.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--FIG. 1 shows a bottom exploded perspective view of a particularly preferred embodiment of unassembled elements of a housing for a single-cell battery according to the

instant invention. FIG. 2 shows a top exploded perspective view of a particularly preferred embodiment of the unassembled elements of a housing for a single-cell battery according to the instant invention. As used in this application, a “housing” refers to an assembly that houses electronic circuitry. In one aspect of the present invention, the electronic circuitry except for the input and output leads may be sealed inside the housing to protect the electronic circuitry components from the potentially corrosive or damaging electrochemical components of the cell. In another aspect of the present invention, the housing may be designed such that the housing for the electronic circuitry may be separately assembled and tested. Such a housing may then be assembled together with the battery container.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--In a preferred embodiment of the instant invention, the housing 10 has three main elements: the bezel 11, the circuit board 12, and the retaining ring 13, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--The bezel 11 contains a body portion 14 and an output terminal 15. The output terminal 15 could be the output terminal of the battery or can be electrically connected to an output terminal of the battery. The body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is preferably molded of an insulating material that is impact-resistant, such as plastic, thermoplastic, polymer or polycarbonate. The impact-resistant bezel 11 provides protection for electronic circuitry 16 contained within the housing ~~form~~ ~~from~~ static shock during manufacturing and mechanical shock such as dropping. The output terminal 15 is made of conductive material. In one preferred embodiment, the output terminal forms the positive terminal of the battery. Preferably, the output terminal 15 is metal and located in the center of bezel 11. Preferably, the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is insert-molded around the output terminal 15. The bezel 11 preferably conforms to the shape and standard outer dimensions of a standard battery. For example, if the housing 10 is placed on the top of ~~a~~an AA size battery, the bezel 11 would preferably be dome-shaped, as shown in Figure 1. It is also preferable that at least a portion of the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is made of translucent or transparent material so that the circuit board 12 may be easily viewed by a consumer after the housing 10 is assembled. Preferably, the bezel 11 contains a notch 17 to aid in aligning the bezel 11, circuit board 12 and retaining ring 13 during assembly of the housing 10.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--The positive input contact 18 of the electronic circuitry is electrically connected to the positive electrode 26 of the electrochemical cell. The positive output contact 20 of the electronic circuitry 16 is ~~electrica~~electrically connected to the positive terminal 31. The negative input contact 19 is electrically connected to the negative ~~electrode~~electrode 27 of the electrochemical cell 22. ~~IN the~~In a preferred embodiment, the output contact 20 is positive and is electrically connected to the positive terminal 15 of the battery. In ~~the~~an alternative embodiment of the instant invention, the output contact 20 is negative and is electrically connected to the negative terminal of the battery. The terms "electrically connected"--and, "electrical connection" and "electrically coupled" refer to connections or couplings that allow for continuous flow.--